(b) Keeping in view the existing seat/load factors, national cost of such Passages is negligible.

(c) Since the free passes|tickets are issued to commercially important persons for business promotion, publication of detailed information of this type may affect the commercial interests of the Air India and Indian Airlines.

Criteria for promotion of Aircraft Engineers

3236. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for promotion of Aircraft Engineers to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager Avionics Maintenance cadre in Air India;

(b) how many Assistant engineering Managers Avionics Maintenance have been promoted from the cadre of Aircraft Engineers in the past five years.

(c) whether any promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager have been made from amongst the Aircraft Engineer cadre without suitable qualifications; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHUGHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Senior Aircraft Engineer|Dy. Chief Aircraft Engineers possessing the qualifications prescribed for promotion to the post of Assistant Engg. Manager, Avionics maintenance from time to time, are eligible.

(b) to (d) During the last 5 years, six Aircraft Engineers have been promoted to the post of Assistant Engg. Manager Avionics Maintenance, two in 1993 and 4 in 1994. The promotions were done in accordance with the qualifications prescribed at that time.

Radio System Licence for promotion of Assistance Engineering Manager

3237. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary to hold an approval|licence on radio system for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager in Air India avionics system in the Maintenance department.

(b) whether any incumbent has been promoted in the recent past in air India to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager Avionics Maintenance without holding approval on Radio System;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many such promotions were effected in the past few years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Qualifications for promotion to the post of Assistant Engineering Manager in Air India Avoinics system maintenance Department were reviewed in December, 1993; possession of ARME licence

was specified as one of the requirements. No incumbent has been promoted after December, 1993 without holding this licence.

(d) Out of 6 promotions done since 1993, only one promoted in November, 1993 did not possess ARME licence.

Grant of advance increments to Air India Employees

3238. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending with the management of Air India regarding non-grant of advance increments to some of its employees;

(b) whether an industrial dispute, is pending before the ALC(C) Bombay in this regard;

(c) the details of all representations that are not yet answered by the management of Air India in this regard;

(d) whether Government have written to Air India management in this regard in the last two to three years to dispose of such representations;

(e) how many representations from Unions are pending in this regard; and

(f) whether the attention of Government was drawn to this in the last three years; if so, how many times and what action was taken on them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (c) No application is pending.

(b) and (e). Yes, Sir, A representation made by the Air Corporations Employees Union in this regard before the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) is pending.

(d) and (f) This subject comes within the administrative powers of Air India Management; when attention of this Ministry was drawn to this issue in 1992, the matter was referred to Air India for appropriate action.

Overtime paid by Air India

3239. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the over time amount paid by Air India for the past two years; and

(b) the details of overtime payment for the above period Department wise and month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The amount of overtime paid by Air India for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 was of the order of Rs. 12.45 crores and Rs. 14.17 crores respectively.

(b) A detailed statement giving Department-wise and month-wise over-time payment is attached.